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Hon. Melvin Price
Chairman
Committee on Armed Services
2120 Rayburn House Office Building

Dear Mr. Chairman:

As you know, the Select Committee on Intelligence is examining the role of Congress in oversight of the intelligence community. In this connection, the Committee has studied the legislative history of section 32 of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1974, which requires that the President report to your committee a description and scope of CIA operations in foreign countries, other than activities intended solely for obtaining necessary intelligence.

It would be helpful to this Committee if you would provide us with the following information:

1. How many such reports has your Committee received since the effective date of the Act?
2. Has your Committee received these reports before or after the intelligence operations have occurred?
3. Has the Committee found the substance of these reports generally satisfactory, i.e., have these reports included all information which the Committee believes is necessary for compliance with section 32?
4. Have the reports included such information as the number of personnel involved, estimates of cost, method of execution, and goal of the operation?
5. To your knowledge, has the Committee failed to receive any reports on any operations to which you believe the Committee is entitled under section 32?

6. Have the reports made to the Committee been written or oral?

7. Would it be agreeable to your Committee to give Members of this Committee and selected staff persons an opportunity to examine these reports?

8. Generally, do you believe there is now and has been compliance with the intent of section 32?

Any assistance which you may provide this Committee will be appreciated, and, of course, I would be more than willing to discuss this request further with you personally.

Sincerely,



OTIS G. PIKE
Chairman

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